MECKLENBURG DECLARATION

Mrs. Stonewall Jackson Writes About the Great Event.

MONUMENT TO THE SIGNERS

To Be Unveiled in May in the "Hornets' Nest of North Carolina," Charlotte-Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson to Be the Orator.

MRS. STONEWALL JACKSON

Ephraim Brevard, Waightstill Avery, a distinguished lawyer; Colonel Thomas Polk and Rey, Mr. Balch, a graduate of

Polk and Rev. Mr. Baleh, a graduate of Princeton college.

THE DOCIMENT SIGNED.
On the 19th of May the delegates met at the appointed time and place. At the proper time the resolutions which had been prepared and approved in the primary meetings were read by Ephraim Brevard. Almost all the members spoke in turn in favor of their adoption, and as Mr. Balch was about closing the final address a messenger arrived with the news that the battle of Lexington had been fought just one month before! Upon the annoncement of this event the interest of the meeting reached its highest point, and from that moment the duty of immediately proclaiming a declaration of independence was decided—the assembly as with one voice crying out:

the province of North Carolina, he took post at Charlotte, where he had given rendezvous to Ferguson. Meckienburg, of which it was the capital, was the heady, high-minded county where the first deciaration of independence was made, and his lordship, from uncomfortable experience, soon pronounced Charlotte the "Hornets Nest of North Carolina."

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President Andrew Jackson also gave
this testimonial. Upon the visit of a Mr.

Mecklenburg declaration of independence is neither "spurious" nor a "quiz," but a corroborated fact, verified by a phalant of Indisputable authority—to say nothing of tradition. In addition to the distinguished names aiready quoted, such men of note as Judge Francis Xanier Martin, Joseph Seawell Jones, John H. Wheeler, Rev. Drs. Caruther Foote, of Virginia. A. T. Smythe, of South Carolina, Francis I. Hawks, LL. D., of the Episcopal caurch, etc., have championed the cause of the Mecklenburg declaration.

The annual celebrations of the day that have for scores of years been observed also attest its truth, and many have been the orators from our own and sister States who have with glowing eloquence proclaimed the glorious history of the proudest day in the annals of the Old North State. It has long been enshrined in the hearts of the people, not only it Mecklenburg, but in the whole State.

HORNET'S NEST.

Lord Cornwallis, having dubbed our vallant little town the "hornets" nest." of North Carolina, we still cling to the appellation, and have adopted the hornets nest as our coat of arms. In every celebration the hornets' nest is conspicuous and one of our finest military companies hears the name of the "Hornets" Nest Riffemen, "while they are familiarly known as "The Hornets".

NEWS NOTES FOR WHEELMEN.

wonder is expressed by the riders of the North at the wonderful times being made by the Cleveland pace-making team, now being employed by Taylore, the Frenchman. This team has paced eight miles in 15.58 2-5, an average of less than two minutes to each mile, without a change at any time. The same has paced ten miles in 20.25, an average of less than 2.93, and Messrs. Fulford, wheelock, Wells and Banchard, the members of the team, say that ten miles in 19.30 is possible. No other team has ever been brought together that found it possible to carry a middle distance man along as far and as fast as this team. With them Taylore finds no need of other pace-makers in his training as they give him all that he wants to do twice each day, if he so dealres.

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There is one performance of A. C. Mertens, the five-mile champion, which will always give him prominence among his fellows who wonder to-day at the time made. The St. Paul man rode an unpaced quarter at Cheimanti last apring in .28 2-5, and the wonderful part of the ride was the fact that he used but a 68 gear. Karl Kaser, with a 112 gear and with a stiff wind blowing, rode a quarter mile on the Belleair track this winter in .26 3-5, and this wonderful ride is made to rank with that of Mertens.

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HANDSOME NEW TRAIN.

The Seaboard Air Line's "Atlanta Special" is a Beauty.

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The magnificent train of the Seaboard Air Line, known as the "Atlanta Special," which runs solid from Washington to Atlanta, Ga., and which equipment was originally built by the Pullman Palace Car Company, is now undersoing a thorough overhauling and rebuilding at the Portsmouth shops. There is sufficient equipment for five trains. The first train was furned out of the ahops to-day, and will leave to-night on No. 401 to go on the line between Washington and Atlanta, when another train will be taken off and run in the shops. Thus in a short while the entire five trains will be rebuilt, and one train will be always in the shops being overhauled, repainted and varnished; hence the equipment uill be allays fresh and new. This train, up to the present time has been considered one of the finest frains that has ever entered the depot at Atbeen considered one of the finest frains that has ever entered the depot at Atlanta or Washington. The new train, which comes from the shops is to be by far the handsomest train ever seen in the State of Virginia, This train, complete, is composed of mail, express, baggage, secend-class coach, first-class coach and two Pullmans. The day couch of this palace on wheels from outside appearances is exactly like a Pullman sleepet.

DAVIS MEMORIAL WINDOW.

Arrangements for the Service at St. Paul's Next Sunday.

In view of the exceptionally impressive service arranged for the unveiling of the "Davis Memorial Window," in St. Paul's next Sunday, and the very general interest felt in the occasion, the rector and vestry of the church regret the limited accommodations the building affords but have made and will continue to make every effort within their power, to put these accommodations at the service of the public in the fairest possible manner, and to give the fullest possible . notice as to the arrangements made to accomplish this end.

The window will be unveiled at the morning service, on Sunday, April 17th, opening at the usual hour, if A. M. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. William M. Dame, of Baltimore, who was a member of the first company of Richmond Howitzers during the war, and is still known and loved by all Howitzers old and young, and by many others, as "Willie Dame." It is hardly necessary to say of him, that he was as good a soldier as ever faced or fired a

The doors of the church will be opened at 10:30 A. M., and all the pews will be free, except some ten or more on each side of the middle aisle, say twenty or twenty-two in all, counting from the chancel, which will be reserved for the specially invited guests-Mrs. Davis and party, the Governor, Mayor, delegations of fifteen each from Lee and Pickett Camps, Confederate Veterans, a representative from each of the Confederate organizations in the city, lady regents, etc., etc. These pews will be reserved until, say, five minutes before it o'clock, when it is expected the processional will enter the church.

One of the most interesting features of the service will be the music, specially composed for the occasion by Professor Reinhardt, set to words-verses from Scripture-selected by Major Stiles.

With a view of giving the fullest possible accommodation to the public, the evening service of the church, which has heretofore taken place at 8 and 8:30 P. M., will be held for this Sabhath only at 5 P. M. at which hour the western light will be sufficient to make the window as perefectly visible as at the morning service; and it is hoped that, with a like spirit of accommodation, those who shall be fortunate enough to secure admission to the morning service, and who do not belong to St. Paul's regular congregation, will considerately

stay away in the evening, in order that more of the community may enjoy the pleasure of seeing this beautiful work of art, the first memorial of our Confed-The service being a regular Sunday morning service of the church, and it being disagreeable to make invidious discrimination upon an occasion of such general and public interest, there will be no tickets issued. The vestry take occasion to return acknowledgements to the pew holders who have given their

As the time for unveiling the beautiful Davis Memorial Windows in St. Paul's Church is rapidly approaching, much deep interest seems to be manifesting



MISS LUCY HAYES.

occasion does not belong to St. Paul's congregation alone, nor even to the city of Richmond, but to every man, woman and child every where who feels that this testimonial is due to this great Southern leader, and vicarious sufferer

for these windows, the vestry of St. Paul's church had a clause inserted in the instrument, binding the artists "never to duplicate them for any other person or place." The vestry was especially anxlous to have these testimonials, absolutely unique, as President Davis enrolled himself as "A Soldier of the Cross," under the ministry of the late Rev. Charles Minnigerode, in this church during the late war.

The lower window represents the scene recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, St. Paul pleading his cause, while manacled, before King Agrippa; and with this inscription on the window;

"This man docth nothing worthy of death or of bonds;" while the upper window will have two female figures, representing the "Angels of Goodness and Mercy," and with this inscription taken from the list Chapter of Job, "Let me be weighed in an even balance that God may know my integrity," The vestry had a great many inscriptions suggested to them; but these two seem most emi-The present expectation is, that General Dabney H. Maury will unveil the low-

er window; and that Miss Lucy Hayes will perform a like service to the upper one. Miss Hayes is the second daughter of Mrs. J. A. Hayes, who is the eldest daughter of the late President Davis. The Hayes family is at present residing at Colorado Springs, Col., on account of had health of Mrs. Hayes, and for that reason it will be impossible for any other member of the family to get here for

A letter has been received here from Mrs. Hayes expressing her deep regret over her inability to be present, in which she says, "I am particularly pleased that this window should be placed in St. Paul's church, where my father was received into Christ's fold, and where we worshipped as little children at his side."

The memorial window will arrive in a day or two and will be placed in position early this week ready for the unveiling ceremony pext Sunday.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis, who will be present at the ceremony, will on that day be under the special excert of Dr. J. D. McCaw, the senior warden of St. Paul's

Mrs. Davis will on that occasion occupy; the pew which she and Mr. Davis used during the war. Governor Tyler and his staff, Mayor, R. M. Taylor and a detail of fifteen men each from Lee and Pickett Camps have been invited to be present. They will occupy pews on either side of the middle alsle. Mrs. Dr. Charles Minnigerode and her daughter, Miss Bell Minnigerode, have also accepted invitations. Other pews will be reserved for representatives of the Confederate Memorial Association, Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., who is now the only resident minister of the late war, will participate in the services, and many other distinguished citizens will be present.

Jacobus News.

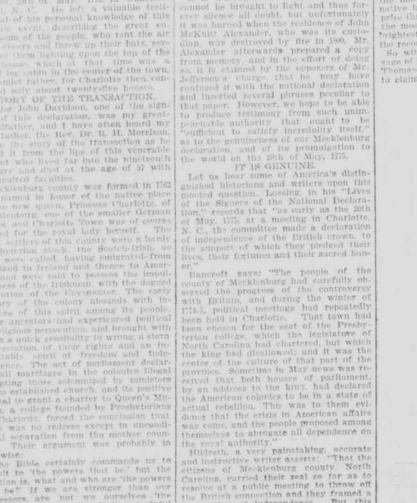
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and seats seventy-four people. It is equipped with standard Pullman trucks equipped with standard Pullman trucks equipped with standard Pullman trucks of the mail car to the last gleeper and vestibuled from end to end. The new color is a dark olive green with silver trimmings, with the name of the train in script letters on the side of each coach. The train is equipped with Pinten light gas, having a sufficient number of chandellers to enable the passengers to read in any part of the train. The train is being ably assisted by his energetic and hustling General Passenger Agent. Mr. Anderson, in looking after the patrons of the time. Virginian and Piles, Norfolk.



the wise:

The Bible certainly commands us to submit to 'the powers that be,' but the question is, what and who are 'the powers that be? If we are stronger than our oppressors are not we ourselves 'the powers that be?' And is it not sinful weakness to neglect to exercise the powers that God gives us? We can at least make the effort to free ourselves, which will be an appeal to God, and He himself chall decids the question.'

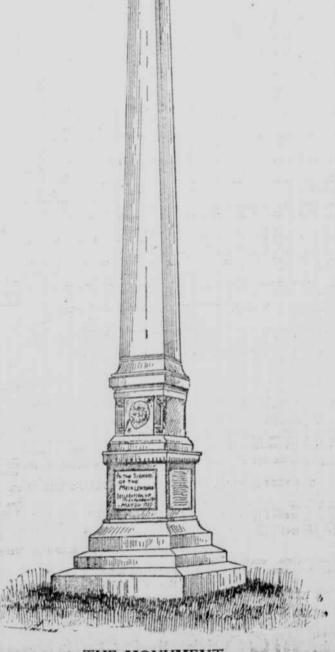
They could not only God unless they had political and religious liberty, and they were willing to die in defense of God's Bible truth. The Rey, Alexander Craischead (who is said to have been the inspirer of the Mecklenburg declaration). Rey, Hezekiah James Balch and other Presbyterian divines, proclaimed these entiments at public meetings until in the entiments at public meetings until in the entiments at public meetings until in the sections.

Washington Irving, the first of Americas who gave to his country a character for literature in Europe, and appropriately closed his long and bright cave, r by a "Hography of Washington," published in 1857, says in the fourth volume of this work, sneaking of the invasion of Lord Cornwallis: "It was an enterprise in which much difficulty was to be apprehended, both from the character of the people and country. * * The early his country abounds with instances which much difficulty was to be apprehended, both from the character of the people and country. * The early his tory of the colony abounds with instances of a sortit of resistance and rebellion among its people. They always behaved insolently to their governors, complains Governor Burrington in 1731. Some they have driven out of the country—at other times they set up a government of their own choice, supported by men under arms. It was in fact, the spirit of popular liberty and self government which stirred within them and gave birth to the glorious axioms; the rights of the many against the exactions of a few. * * It was this spirit that save rise to the Confederacy called the Regulation, formed to withstand the abuses of power; and the first blood shed in our country in resistence to arbitrary taxation was at Alamance in this province. (May 16, 1771). In a conflict between the Regulators and Governor Tryon. Above all, it should never be forgotien that at Mecklenburs, in the heart of North Carolina, was fulminated the first declaration of independence of the British crown unwards of typear before a like declaration by Congress."

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A few days before this meeting several of the most active and prominent men of the country held two primary meetings in Queen's museum to direct articles for a state constitution in anticipation that the province would proceed to do so. The prime leaders in this business were Dr.

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